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1. WE DISCUSSED LDC RESOLUTION ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES WITH PENSA, CHIEF OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, APRIL 29. PENSA, WHO ATTENDED A PORTION OF RECENT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, IS FAMILIAR WITH THE MATTER. HE ASSURED US THAT GOI OPPOSES THE PROPOSAL AND HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE OR AT MINIMUM RESERVE ON THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF LDC DRAFT. HE PERSONNALLY FELT THAT CONFRONTATION MIGHT BE AVOIDED THROUGH BEHIND SCENES EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT COMPROMISE TEXT WHICH WOULD PROVE LESS OFFENSIVE TO INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

2. PENSA ALSO ALLUDED TO POTENTIALLY SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FROM EVENTUAL PASSAGE OF LDC PROPOSAL IN CURRENT DRAFT. HE NOTED THAT A PORTION OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES CONTAINS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME LANGUAGE, AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BAT DOWN ONCE THE UN DECLARATION HAD BEEN APPROVED. IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT GOI GAVE VERBAL SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CHARTER DURING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT TO ITALY LAST FEBRUARY (ROME 2250, ROME 2054 NOTAL), ALTHOUGH ITALIANS PRIVATELY CONTINUE TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE DOUBTS ABOUT ITS MERITS. VOLPE

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